

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A receptacle for electrical cable comprising a substantially rigid stand member carrying a flexible cable retaining member which is so formed as to resiliently retain the cable between the cable retaining member and against the stand while allowing a flow of air past the cable.

2. (Original) A receptacle according to claim 1, wherein the flexible member is connected to the rigid member by at least one strap.

3. (Original) A receptacle according to claim 2, wherein said at least one strap is resilient.

4. (Original) A receptacle according to claim 2, wherein said at least one strap is elasticated.

5. (Previously Presented) A receptacle according to claim 1, wherein said flexible member is resilient.

6. (Currently Amended) A receptacle according to claim 1 2, wherein the flexible member is connected to the rigid member by only one strap, the one strap forming a border around the periphery of the flexible member.

7. (Original) A receptacle according to claim 2 wherein at least part of said at least one strap connects the flexible member to the rigid member removably.

8. (Original) A receptacle according to claim 7 wherein said at least one

strap connects the flexible member to the rigid member removably via studs with enlarged heads acting as hooks.

9. (Previously Presented) A receptacle according to claim 1, wherein the flexible member is a perforated bag.

10. (Previously Presented) A receptacle according to claim 1, wherein the flexible member is a net.

11. (Previously Presented) A receptacle according to claim 1, wherein the flexible member is elasticated.

12. (Previously Presented) A receptacle according to claim 10, wherein the net is sufficiently elastic to permit an electrical plug appliance to be pushed through an aperture of the net and then retained securely inside it.

13. (Previously Presented) A receptacle according to claim 1 in which the rigid member comprises a sheet of material, one edge of which is formed into an L-shaped cross-section, so as to form a stand.

14. (Previously Presented) A receptacle according to claim 1, wherein the rigid member includes cable guide means.

15. (Original) A receptacle according to claim 14, wherein said guide means comprises slots for locating cables.

16. (Previously Presented) A receptacle according to claim 14, wherein said guide means includes a trough formed at the opposite edge to the edge having the L-

shaped cross-section.

17. (Original) A receptacle according to claim 15, wherein the rigid member is formed from a sheet material and said each slot for locating cables extends inwards from an edge of the rigid member.

18. (Original) A receptacle according to claim 15, wherein said slots for locating cables are so shaped as to co-operate with an adjacent surface in order to retain the cables.

19. (Original) A receptacle according to claim 15, wherein said slots for locating cables are formed so as to co-operate with a table in order to retain the cables.

20. (Previously Presented) A receptacle according to claim 1, wherein the rigid member is adapted to hang from the edge of a desk.

21. (Currently Amended) A receptacle according to any claim 1, wherein the rigid member is adapted to stand upright on a surface.

22. (Previously Presented) A receptacle according to claim 1, wherein said rigid member has silicone or rubber strips to grip the surface of a table, a desk, or ~~the like~~ a shelf.

23. (Previously Presented) A receptacle according to claim 1 which is also adapted to house a multiway connector.

24. (New) A receptacle for receiving an associated electrical cable and or an associated electrical plug appliance, the receptacle comprising:

a one piece substantially rigid stand member including a generally horizontal portion, a generally vertical portion, and a curved trough portion; and

a flexible cable retaining member attached to one of the generally horizontal portion or the generally vertical portion of the stand member for resiliently retaining the associated electrical cable between the retaining member and the stand member, the retaining member including a plurality of apertures for allowing a flow of cooling air past the associated electrical cable and or the associated electrical plug appliance.

25. (New) A receptacle according to claim 24, wherein the flexible cable retaining member is connected to the stand member by at least one strap.

26. (New) A receptacle according to claim 25, wherein the vertical portion of the stand member includes a plurality of studs, the studs having an enlarged head portion, the at least one strap being removably received onto the enlarged head portions of the plurality of studs for securing the retaining member to the stand member.

27. (New) A receptacle according to claim 24, wherein the retaining member comprises an elastic net.

28. (New) A receptacle according to claim 24, wherein the stand member includes at least one slot for locating the associated electrical cable.